



ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

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USEPA Region 6  
Attn: Philip Ofosu (6SF-TS)  
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Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

**Re: Hope Iron and Metal Site Inspection Report**  
**AFIN: 29-00525**  
**EPA ID: ARN000607050**

Dear Mr. Ofosu:

The Site Investigation (SI) for the Hope Iron and Metal Site in Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas has been completed. Enclosed please find one CD and one hard copy of the SI Report. The Hazardous Ranking System (HRS) Quickscore package for this site is also included.

An SI was performed for this site due to its location in a residential area and its previous use as a metal salvage yard that stored and drained PCB-containing transformers. The SI analytical results indicated the presence of 21 contaminants in the soil exposure pathway and 17 contaminants present in the surface water migration pathway meeting observed contamination criteria. The contamination is attributable to past site operations. The preparation of an HRS Quickscore package was recommended, and a site score of 34.51 was obtained. Based on the site score and the potential public health risk presented by the unfenced site, the ADEQ recommends further investigation in the form of an Expanded Site Investigation to determine the extent of contamination both onsite and potentially leaving the site.

Upon your review and approval of this SI Report, please sign the appropriate pages and return to my attention. This will assist on our tracking and filing procedures.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (501) 683-0822 or by email at [wellsj@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:wellsj@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,

Jonathan Wells  
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